

Charles Edward Berger Agrees to Colts' Terms

BERGER HAS SIGNED CONTRACT SENT HIM TO PLAY WITH COLTS

Wires Secretary Bradley Acceptance of Terms, and Says Paper Is in Mails—Turns Down Goober Offer—Farrell Issues Bulletin—League May Have Trouble With Schedule.

FALLS CHURCH, VA., FEBRUARY 1. W. B. BRADLEY, RICHMOND, VA., HAVE ACCEPTED CONTRACT AND IT IS FOLLOWING IN MAIL. (SIGNED) C. E. BERGER.

BY GUS MALBERT.

Thus endeth the scramble for the services of Charles Edward Berger, the Fork Union youngster, who came to Richmond College last fall and helped the Spiders win a football game. Petersburg had made overtures to the lad, who is counted something of a backstop by Harry Griffin. Indeed, Petersburg sent him a contract, and Petersburg was beginning to do a song and dance over its success in once more outwitting Richmond. But the Goober song and dance proved to be a swan song, for Charles Edward spurned the offerings from Peanutville.

So far as known, not a single soul has ever looked at Berger when he was performing on the diamond but Harry Griffin. Harry, however, is so loud in praise of the youngster that Secretary Bradley and Steve Griffin agreed to take him on faith in the hurler's opinion. The boy is just eighteen, weighs about 180 pounds as fast as a deer and uses good judgment. He displayed that much on the football field last season. Griffin says he is a catcher, but since Richmond now has three windpad wearers in John Mace, Rogers and Lusky, it is more than probable that the husky collegian will be put in the garden, where his vaunted stickwork can be best used.

Petersburg Needs Backstops.

The disappointment in Petersburg will be keen, for they are lacking in the catching department. Joe Laughlin is coming back, but it is a question whether, in view of certain unpleasantness towards the close of last season, when he and Busch locked horns, he will remain. Should it be decided to get rid of Laughlin, he could be used very well in a trade, for there is no gainsaying the fact that Joe is as good as they come in class "C" leagues. That would still leave a vacancy in the Goober backstop brigade, presuming that Brennan is to be back, which would have been very nicely filled by Berger.

If the Falls Church phenom. should develop into a first-year wonder, no one would be greater pleased than Steve Griffin. Nothing gives Griff greater pleasure than to coach a lot of youngsters. He has always maintained that he can do more with the young "uns" than he can with the old-timers. The older men are set in their ways, and it is hard to get them out of the rut. With the youngsters, the leader can show them the way he wants them to go, and knowing no other way, they usually go the route mapped out for them. Given a youngster of average intelligence and average ability, Steve Griffin will come very nearly getting all out of him there is.

Farrell Issues Bulletin.

Secretary Farrell, of the National Association of Club Owners, has just issued his official bulletin, No. 3, for 1913. It contains much of interest to fans in the Virginia League, but mentions only one umpire as having signed a contract. The one man who was

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Amateur Athletic Union Officials Who Throttled Their Personal Feelings in Thorpe Case to Keep Sport Clean



JAMES E. SULLIVAN. GUSTAVUS T. KIRBY. BARTOW S. WEEKS.

V. M. I. BASEBALL SCHEDULE READY

Sixteen Games Are to Be Played by Cadets This Season.

V. P. I. GAME IMPORTANT ONE

Score Now Stands Even Between Two Schools, and Each Wants Rubber.

Lexington, Va., February 1.—After some delay, occasioned by the difficulty of filling several open dates, Manager "Bilby" Bowles has at last completed the baseball schedule of V. M. I. for the season of 1913, and it is probably the hardest ever undertaken by an institute.

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ALL ARE WORKING FOR BIG SUCCESS OF LOCAL SHOW

Arrangements Practically Complete for Automobile Exhibition—Predict Big Crowds.

With all arrangements practically complete, members of the Richmond Automobile Dealers' Association are more than pleased with the prospects of success for the first automobile show to be held here in the Horse-show Building, beginning the week of February 17.

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ENTHUSIASM IN BOWLING WORLD

Local Timber Toppers Practicing Daily for Intercity Tournament in Washington.

WANT NEXT TOURNEY HERE

That's Why Men Are Working Hard to Make Most Creditable Showing.

If enthusiasm counts for aught, or if practice really makes perfect, in practice as well as in theory, then the Richmond men who will make the trip to the Capital City to take part in the first Intercity Bowling Tournament held between Richmond, Washington and Baltimore, are sure to land well up in the front.

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AMATEURS BEGIN PLANS FOR GAMES

First of All, Administrative Board Will Be Asked to Help.

NEED MONEY FOR PARKS

All Leagues Report Progress, Though Several Changes Are to Be Made.

BY JOHN R. HOOPER, JR. The Amateur Baseball Commission is going after the Administrative Board for funds with which to help fix up the back lots for the amateur baseball season of 1913. That members of the board will grant the request of the boys seems assured. If they stop and look into the matter deeply they will see at a glance that they owe it to the future welfare of the city to help these boys who are the citizens of tomorrow, and should be given proper physical and mental training that is to fit them for the greater battles of life which will be fought in a greater Richmond.

Much Enthusiasm Shown. Judging from the enthusiasm that was shown at the meeting of the Amateur Baseball Commission which was held in The Times-Dispatch building Thursday night, the season of 1913 will be the banner year of organized amateur baseball in this city.

Reports from all quarters and in all classes of leagues indicate that the managers are trying to build teams along better lines than they have ever been built before.

President Dunn, of the Capital City League, is extremely optimistic in regards to the prospects of his league for the coming season. Mr. Dunn, who was formerly vice-president of the commission, should prove a very capable head for the parent organization, and ought to be able to have a league that is surpassed by none in this country in amateur circles. He expects to have all of the old teams of last year, with the possible exception of the Athletics, who are going to surrender their franchise to the league.

Activity All Along Line. President LaTouche, of the Old Dominion League, is working hard to get his boys in line, and will have a meeting of the managers of his league some time this week to elect a new team to the league in event that the Barton Heights go to the Capital City.

Although the Richmond League has not had a meeting as yet, it is understood that this league will come back with a full line-up of six clubs and will in all probability have the same members as last season. These boys played some mighty good baseball last year, and kept well bunched all season through and their friends expect great things from them this year.

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PLANS FOR OPEN AIR MEET TO BE HELD BY R. A. A. F.

Committee Will Be Guided Largely by Baltimore Idea.

BOYS GRADED BY WEIGHT STANDARD

Competitions So Arranged That Strength of Youngsters Is Not Overtaxed—Medical Examination Required—All Classes to Be Equal.

When the committee named by the Richmond Amateur Athletic Federation meets Tuesday afternoon in the office of the sporting editor of The Times-Dispatch to form plans for the first open-air track meet to be held at the State Fair grounds, under auspices of the new organization, and to make other plans for the relay carnival which will be held in connection with the Blues-College meet, which takes place March 8, the members will have the benefit of the experience of the Public Athletic League, of Baltimore. This organization, formed for the same purposes as those of the local federation, has met with eminent success in the Orville City. Thousands of young men and boys enter the games held from time to time in the several parks of the city. This will be the ultimate aim of the Richmond organization—to interest every boy and young man in the city.

While the work of planning for the two meets is going on in committee, other members of the federation will be equally hard at work trying to interest the many organizations already existing, but not affiliated with the federation. One of the committees named at the meeting Friday night was for the purpose of doing athletic missionary work; that is, going after the corner gangs and organizing them into clubs so that they might take advantage of the many opportunities for development offered by the federation. Another meeting of the executive committee will be held next Friday night in the Central Y. M. C. A., at 8 o'clock.

Those who are interested in the federation and who want to know the work to be accomplished, may be interested in the following account of what the Baltimore P. A. L. is doing, which was furnished by W. Y. Rutland, of the Central Y. M. C. A., as the R. A. A. F. will be largely guided by the work done in the larger city.

Public Athletic League. The Public Athletic League, of Baltimore, in its athletic work for boys and men, has worked out a system of age and weight classification for competition, which places each competitor in a class with others of approximately the same age and weight. This prevents the big boys from competing with the little fellows and also keeps the little fellows from competing in events which are beyond their strength and ability. Undue strain is thus prevented, while at the same time

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BLUES WILL HOLD MEET SATURDAY

Competition Closed to Members of Battalion—Letter Men in Relays Only.

The track season of 1913 will be opened in Richmond by a meet to be held by the Blues in their armory next Saturday night, beginning at 8:15 o'clock. This will be a closed meet, and only members of the battalion will be eligible to compete.

Great interest has been shown by the members already, and practice has been going on steadily for several weeks past, preparing for the different events.

The idea of the meet is to have as many of the Blues as possible take some active part in athletics, and with that point in view all the letter men of last year's track team will be eliminated from open competition, so as to give every one a better show and to encourage the beginners to compete. The fastest men will be used in the meet, however, and the feature event will be a mile relay between two teams from the squad trying for the relay team, and as the showing made will go a long way towards deciding who will make this year's relay team to represent the Blues at the big meets to be held in Baltimore and Washington a class relay may be expected.

About fifty men have already stated that they would enter, and each event will have enough entries to assure lively competition.

No admission fee will be charged, and admission will be by invitation only, and tickets may be secured from any member taking part in the meet.

The following events have been decided on and others may be added later:

- Fifty-yard dash.
- Fifty-yard hurdle.
- 220-yard race.
- High jump.
- One-mile relay between two teams picked from relay squad.
- Shot put.
- 440-yard race.
- Half-mile relay between long and short men of the battalion called Mugs and Jeff relay.
- 880-yard race.
- Half-mile relay between noncommissioned officers and privates.
- Fat men's race—no one under 175 pounds to compete.

HIGH SCHOOL IS GETTING READY

Prospects for Baseball Team Bright—Heavy Schedule Has Been Arranged.

John Marshallites are very optimistic over the baseball outlook this year. They have succeeded in securing the services of D. P. Woodson, a former Virginia star, as their coach, under whom they hope to pull down the pennant.

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EMORY AND HENRY TAKES LONG TRIP

Many Hard Games on Schedule of Basketball Team—V. P. I. Tuesday.

Emory, Va., February 1.—The Emory and Henry basketball team will leave Tuesday for a trip of eight days through Virginia and North Carolina. While on this trip they will play games with some of the principal schools in the South. Their schedule will be as follows:

- V. P. I. at Blacksburg, February 4.
- Roanoke College at Salem, February 5.
- A. and M. College at Raleigh, N. C., February 6.
- Elon College at Elon, N. C., February 7.
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 8.
- Wake Forest College, February 10.
- Trinity College at Durham, N. C., February 11.

FREDERICKSBURG DEFEATED.

Randolph-Macon College Easy Winner in Spurred Game of Basketball. Fredericksburg, Va., February 1.—Randolph-Macon College defeated Fredericksburg College in a basketball game here to-night, 26 to 10. The playing of Williams and Whitehouse for the locals, Millican Brown for the visitors featured. The line-up: Fredericksburg College. Randolph m d F. C. Position. R. M. Stover.....R. G.....Walker Whitehouse.....L. G.....Wray Somerville.....Centre.....Brown Williams.....R. F.....Tatum Gammon.....L. F.....Millican Summary: Field goals—Williams Brown (4), Millican (7), Wray (2), Tatum (2). Foul goals—Williams (1).

THORPE IS NOW REGULAR GIANT

Signs Contract Yesterday After Visit to New York—Full-fledged Professional.

New York, February 1.—"Jim" Thorpe, the Indian athletic marvel, affixed his signature this afternoon to a contract calling for his services with the New York National League Baseball Club during the season of 1913. In so doing he stepped forever from the ranks of amateur athletics, as a sequence to his recent confession that he had played professional ball several years ago and was not entitled to the amateur honors accorded him at the Olympic games.

Thorpe arrived here to-day from the Carlisle Indian School. He will return to Carlisle and report to the club in an earlier date.

CAROLINA'S CALL ANSWERED BY 30

Baseball Candidates Working Hard to Fill Six Vacancies on Team.

[Special To The Times-Dispatch.] Chapel Hill, N. C., February 1.—With the official call for baseball candidates on last Thursday and with the subsequent announcement of a stiff schedule for the season of 1913, some thirty candidates for varsity baseball are daily plying their best efforts to obtain recognition on Carolina's diamond.

Only three of this large number of candidates were members of last year's squad, the race is an interesting one, and only the development furnished by the intervening practice of forty days between now and the first game on the schedule will determine the selection that will make up Carolina's nine. It is brand-new material, with the exception of Bailey, Edwards and Leak, shortstop, third and first basemen, respectively, of last season's nine.

A letter from the newly chosen coach of the baseball squad, George Barler, of Philadelphia, states that he will report for duty by February 10, if not at an earlier date.

GIANTS AND SOX TO TOUR WORLD

Agreement Reached Between Ted Sullivan and McGraw. Start After World Series.

New York, February 1.—Plans were completed here to-day for a world baseball tour by the New York Nationals and Chicago American League baseball clubs next winter. The two teams will start their trip immediately after the world's series in October, and will end it in Dublin, Ireland, on Washington's Birthday, 1914, according to present plans.

Ted Sullivan, the agent of the White Sox and personal agent for President Comiskey, conferred with Manager McGraw, of the Giants, last night and to-day. Sullivan to-night said he was prepared to make the official announcement that the tour would be made by the two teams next winter. Manager McGraw made a similar statement.

DAVIDSON LOSES TO A. & M.'S QUINT

Raleigh, N. C., February 1.—In the fastest game witnessed on the local box this season A. and M. defeated Davidson College by a score of 26 to 15. The team work of Davidson was better than that of A. and M. and the first half ended with the score standing 7 to 4 in favor of the Presbyterians. However, the Tar Heels came back strong in the second half, scoring 22 points against Davidson's 8. The individual playing of A. and M. was noticeable, especially the playing of Sumner, who took Huntley's place in the second half, throwing seven goals and two fouls.

The playing of Phillips, Mason and Terry for A. and M. and of White and Howell for Davidson was also good, White throwing six goals.

- Line-up: A. & M. Position. Davidson. Mason.....L. F.....White Huntley Sumner.....R. F.....Howell Phillips.....R. G.....Sprunt Summary officials: Referee, Cook; umpire, Sims; timekeeper, Hall, Goals, by Sumner, 7; Terry, 2; Mason, 2; White, 5; Howell, 2. Points from fouls, Sumner, 2; White, 1. Attendance, 1,200.